

## **Arlington Human Rights Commission Minutes**

### **June 18, 2014**

**Present:** Sheri Baron, Christine Carney (Chair), Stacy Davison, Marlissa Briggett, Sharon Grossman, Gary Horowitz, Jorge Loayza, Nick Minton, Nancy Rhoads, Robin Varghese, Mel Goldsipe

**Absent:** Douglas Davidoff, Ghanda DiFiglia

There were no citizens present for the citizen's open forum.

The May minutes were approved unanimously.

Ms. Carney will invite Chief Fred Ryan to the September meeting and the town counsel to the November meeting. Ms. Goldsipe will invite Margaret Thomas for the October meeting. She is also waiting to hear back from MassEquality.

There was discussion regarding pulling together various town groups for information sharing. Ms. Goldsipe will work on our social media development, in particular the twitter account.

Ms. Rhoads indicated a town resident had expressed concern about a possible human trafficking issue in some massage parlors in town. A discussion ensued.

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

Commissioners discussed updating the subcommittee responsibilities and members, as follows:

- Education/Training Events was pulled out of Community Outreach to become its own subcommittee, staffed by Ms. Baron, Ms. Briggett and Ms. Rhoads.
- Ms. Goldsipe, Mr. Loayza and Mr. Varghese joined the Community Outreach subcommittee.
- Ms. Rhoads is the Liaison to Response Coordination Team.
- Ms. Grossman joined the Schools Sub-Committee
- School Liaisons were changed as follows: Ms. Grossman is the liaison to the High School, Mr. Davidoff is the liaison to the Hardy, Ms. Rhoads is the liaison to the Stratton, Ms. Goldsipe is the liaison to METCO, and Ms. DiFiglia is the liaison to the Thompson.

Ms. Goldsipe indicated that the LBGTQ needs assessment will take place in the fall. One of the things to determine is whether a subcommittee will be necessary.

#### **Administrative Assistant Position Opening**

Ms. Bruneau resigned her position as she was moving back to Maine. The position will be posted.

#### Town Day

Town Day is September 13. People should plan to be available to assist on Town Day.

Ms. Carney walked the permit over and requested two spots. Mr. Minton will have the timeline available for Town Day. The Commission will give out reusable grocery bags. Mr. Varghese has gotten four gift cards for a free raffle. We need one more. A raffle for the kids was also discussed, potentially a prize of a gift certificate to Henry Bear's Park. Ms. Grossman and Ms. Davison will work on questions for the raffle.

#### Community Updates

The Second Annual Arts Block Party is July 12.

Commissioners whose postings have expired should update them with their appointing authorities.

Motion to adjourn was made and approved.

Submitted by:

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Commissioner